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FOR: NEW FILLER OR PIGMENT OR :  
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PAPER, IN PARTICULAR A  
PIGMENT CONTAINING  
NATURAL  $\text{CaCO}_3$ , ITS  
MANUFACTURING PROCESS,  
PREPARATIONS CONTAINING IT  
AND THEIR APPLICATIONS

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 5, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.